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*Testimony of Rep. Michelle Boyer in support of*  
**LD 2199, An Act to Prohibit Interference with the Professional Judgment and  
Clinical Decisions of Licensed Health Care Professionals as Recommended by  
the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over  
Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in  
the State**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services*

Senator Baily, Representative Mathieson and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, my name is Michelle Boyer and I represent District 123, part of Cape Elizabeth. It is an honor to come before you today to support **LD 2199, An Act to Prohibit Interference with the Professional Judgment and Clinical Decisions of Licensed Health Care Professionals as Recommended by the Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State.**

I want to thank Rep. Mathieson for sponsoring this measure. The language of this bill is based on the recommendations developed in the *Commission to Evaluate the Scope of Regulatory Review and Oversight Over Health Care Transactions That Impact the Delivery of Health Care Services in the State*, which I had the honor of chairing alongside Sen. Tipping. The commission met five times over the course of three months, and its recommendations were developed with the information available during that time.

During the commission's work, we discussed the interference with professional judgment and clinical decisions of health care professionals. A majority of the commission members were concerned about the potential risks to the professional judgment or clinical decision of health care professionals in Maine if private equity companies or management services organizations establish management practices or policies that may have a negative impact on the ability of a licensed health care professional to practice independently and deliver patient care.

Several other states have introduced legislation on this topic, including Oregon, California, Massachusetts and Connecticut. In addition, there is model legislation available around this topic.

Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions.